

## CLANS CLASH AROUND CANNON IN THE HOUSE

INSURGENT WHO STARTED TROUBLE.



HON. GEORGE W. NORRIS, OF NEBRASKA.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Fair to-day; slowly rising temperature. To-morrow fair and warmer; light variable winds.

## HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

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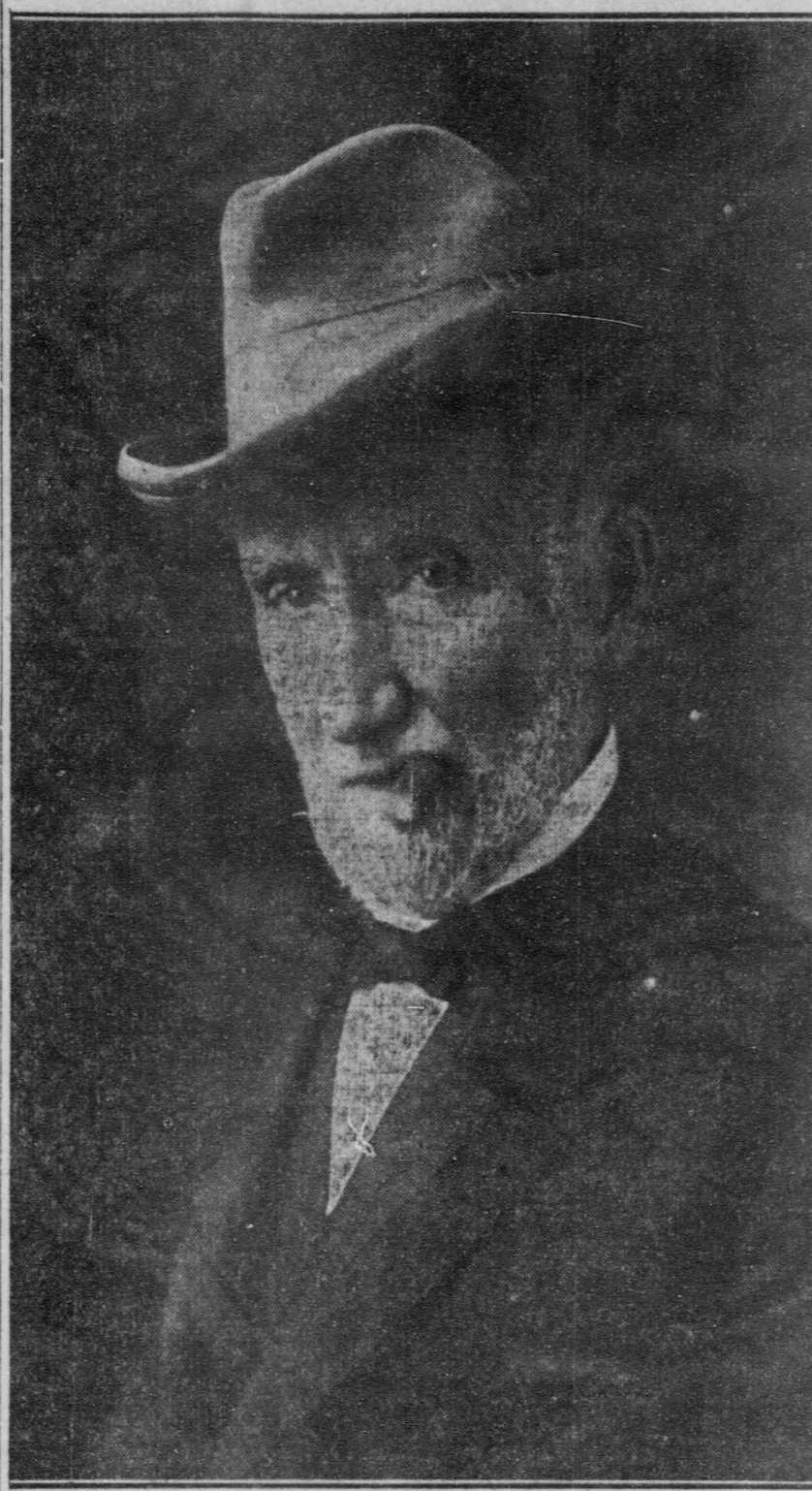
TAFT TELLS HOW  
ST. PATRICK LIVEDSpeech of Day in Chicago  
Solemn Discourse.

## HOW OTHERS OUGHT TO

More Solemn Is Effect of Ad-  
dresses on the Side.

Newspapers Given Some Frank Ar-  
gument Against Criticism of Ad-  
ministration—Gifford Pinchot Re-  
ceives a Word of Praise—Tells the  
Railroad Men What He Feels About  
Way Congressmen Have Acted.

## NOW UP AGAINST THE FIGHT OF HIS LIFE.

JOSEPH GURNEY CANNON,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.ENEMIES ATTEMPT  
TO OVERTHROW THE  
RULES COMMITTEEInsurgents and Democrats Offer a Resolution  
Which Proves to be a Trick.

REFUSE TO ADJOURN OR GRANT A RECESS

Speaker Orders a Filibuster in Long Night Session to  
Muster Votes—Vote at Early Morning Hour.

## HERE'S WHAT STARTED THE TROUBLE.

"Resolved, That the rules of the House be amended as fol-  
lows: The Committee on Rules shall consist of fifteen members,  
nine of whom shall be members of the majority party and six of  
whom shall be members of the minority party, to be selected as  
follows: The States of the Union shall be divided by a committee  
of three elected by the House for that purpose into nine groups,  
each group containing as nearly as may be an equal number of  
members belonging to the majority party.

"The States of the Union shall likewise be divided into six,  
each group containing as nearly as may be an equal number of  
members belonging to the minority party.

"At 10:30 o'clock a. m. on the day following the adoption of  
the report of said committee each of said groups shall meet and  
select one of its number a member of the Committee on Rules.

"The place of meeting for each of said groups shall be desig-  
nated by the said committee of three in its report. Each of said  
groups shall report to the House the name of the member selected  
for membership on the Committee on Rules.

"The Committee on Rules shall select its own chairman. The  
Speaker shall not be eligible to membership on said committee.  
All rules or parts thereof inconsistent with the foregoing resolution  
are hereby repealed."

At 1:28 a. m. Representative Tawney moved to take a recess un-  
til noon to-day.

Representative Underwood, of Alabama, demanded a ye and nay  
vote, and the motion was defeated by 135 to 134.

At 2:05 o'clock the Speaker announced that an error had been  
made by the Journal clerk, and that the motion to take a recess had  
been defeated by a vote of 141 to 134.

At 2:10 o'clock a call of the House was had to determine whether  
a quorum was present.

## REGULARS DISAPPEAR.

The spirits of the organization men soon fell, though, when three  
Democrats, Richardson, of Alabama; Robinson, of Arkansas, and Hum-  
phreys, of Mississippi, arrived in the chamber. They also had made  
quick dashes to the National Capitol from New York.

About midnight Representative Olcott, of New York; Cook and  
McCreery, of Pennsylvania, and Swayze, of Maine, who had been out  
of town, reached Washington, and the leaders then decided to make an-  
other effort to recess.

## MEMBERS SHOW UP.

The roll call showed that only 154 members were present.

At 2:30, on motion of Representative Underwood, the Sergeant-at-  
arms was directed to arrest and bring before the bar of the House  
every member who was absent without leave.

Meanwhile the House rested.

As this issue of The Washington Herald goes to press, Joseph G.  
Cannon, Speaker of the House of Representatives, is fighting the fight  
of his life for his political future and the integrity of the party ma-  
chinery of the House.

The greatest political drama of recent times in the United States  
was staged yesterday, last night, and in the early hours of this morning  
in the House.

Beset by a fresh attack of combined insurgents and Democrats,  
which began as soon as the House convened yesterday as the result of  
a trap set for the regulars by the allies, the Speaker, according to a  
charge made shortly after midnight by Representative Clark, the mi-  
nority leader, was forced to resort to a filibuster to prevent the allies  
from overthrowing the Committee on Rules, of which the Speaker is  
chairman, and substituting in its place, under a resolution offered by  
Mr. Norris, a committee of fifteen members, to be composed of nine  
Republicans and six Democrats, selected by three members of the House,  
who are to be elected by the House.

Again and again in the afternoon and during the night the allies  
refused to take a recess or to adjourn, knowing that if they did so the  
organization would have time to gather back into the House members  
who are out of the city.

## SPEAKER WOULD NOT RULE.

Afraid to rule on the resolution offered  
by Mr. Norris, overthrowing the Com-  
mittee on Rules, which was submitted at  
about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, knowing  
that if he did rule that it was out of  
order, in accordance with a point of order  
made against it by Representative Dal-  
zell, the decision of the chair would be  
overruled by the allies, as they did on  
Wednesday, the party organization of  
regulars bent every effort and energy to  
getting back from out of town regulars  
who could be relied on to vote right, and  
long-distance messengers by telephone, tele-  
grams, and personal messengers were sent  
in every direction to bring in the votes  
sorely needed.

The long-strung-out night session was

dramatic in its intensity of endeavor on  
the part of the regulars to defeat by de-  
bate and delay the allies sitting around  
them silent in grim determination to over-  
throw the party organization.  
The Speaker, joining with those who  
pleaded for party loyalty, took the floor in  
explanation of why various insurgents  
did not get chairmanships this session or  
why they were not appointed on desirable  
committees to which they had been at-  
tached in former sessions.

There was an element of sympathy to  
be seen in the hushed and crowded gal-  
lery.

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WEARERS OF GREEN  
HONOR ST. PATRICKNature Smiles Serenely on  
Ireland's Biggest Day.

## EVERY SON CELEBRATES

You may take the Shamrock from your hat and  
cast it on the sod.  
But 'twill take root and flourish still, though under  
foot it's trod.

Even nature smiled serenely from  
sunny skies yesterday, benignly conspi-  
ring with every true son of Erin to make  
the celebration of St. Patrick's Day a  
glorious success.

From the halls of Congress, where  
there are many men of Celtic blood, to  
the most humble home, the day was  
dedicated to a joyous round of mirthful  
reminder that this time of all the year  
belongs to Irish men and women, to be  
spent in feasting and toasting in honor  
of the saint who brought Christianity to  
Ireland, and, incidentally, freed the Em-  
erald Isle of sundry reptile residents.

## Green Worn Everywhere.

It usually rains on St. Patrick's Day,  
but yesterday was the exception, and  
moderate weather and bright sunshine  
brought thousands from their homes to  
throng the downtown streets, each wear-  
ing a scrap of green or a sprig of sham-  
rock. "The Wearing of the Green,"  
which never fails to stir the heart of a  
Celt, the "Marsellaise" of Erin, was  
rendered more or less tunelessly from the  
Monument to the Zoo in a hundred dif-  
ferent ways.

At Catholic churches religious observ-  
ance added dignity to the celebration, and  
especially at St. Patrick's Church, where  
there was a central service. Every pew  
was filled by devout Celts. The feast was  
observed with solemn high masses and  
elaborate musical services, with the dig-  
nities of the Catholic Church officiat-  
ing.

## Banquets in Evening.

Banquets, great and small, last night  
were the finishing touches. Every Irish  
society, and even the German organiza-  
tions, held some sort of a social session,  
and there were orators and music every-  
where. The Ancient Order of Hibernians  
and the Ladies' Auxiliary marched to St.  
Patrick's Church in a body in the morn-  
ing, and held a reception at night. The  
Shamrock Club, Order of Friendly Sons  
of St. Patrick, and the Saengerbund en-  
joyed banquets, and there were a score  
of smokers and minor celebrations.

Chaplain Couden, of the House of Rep-  
resentatives, offering the opening prayer  
at yesterday's session, referred to St. Pat-  
rick gracefully, saying the memory of the  
saint is hallowed in the hearts of men,  
irrespective of creed.

The exercises and observances of  
the day will be found on page 4.

## CHARGES JURY TAMPERING.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 17.—Prosecutor  
Hooten to-day laid before Judge Pritchard,  
of the Criminal Court, an affidavit by  
William Hartman, who was a juror in  
the recent trial of Oliver P. Ensley,  
former county treasurer. Ensley was in-  
dicted for retaining some \$2,500 of county  
money, under the plea that it belonged to  
him as fees.

The jury disagreed and was discharged.  
One of the two jurors who stood out for  
acquittal and hung the jury was R. B.  
Reading, and Foreman Hartman swears  
in his affidavit that Court Bailiff Martin  
and Reading had a long talk just outside  
the jury room before the deliberations be-  
gan.

Martin says he does not remember what  
he and Reading talked about.

## KILLS MOTHER-IN-LAW FIRST.

Raleigh, N. C., March 17.—To-day, in  
McDowell County, N. C., near Marion,  
Charles Morris, a farmer killed his  
wife's mother, shot to death his own  
small child, and fatally wounded his  
wife. He then attempted to kill himself,  
and after several attempts succeeded in  
doing so. Domestic unhappiness is given  
as the motive.

Beautiful Home-Grown Violets, 50c  
bunch. Very fragrant. Blackstone, 14 & 15

CLERK IN DESPAIR  
ENDS LIFE IN TUBJohn S. Kirk Drowns Him-  
self in Apartment.

## SICKNESS PROMPTS ACT

Lying down in a bathtub filled with  
water, John Smith Kirk, seventy-four  
years old, for more than twelve years an  
employee of the District government, com-  
mitted suicide yesterday afternoon by  
drowning himself.

His body, partly clad, was found by his  
wife, Mrs. Frances Kirk, about 5 o'clock,  
when she returned to their apartments in  
the Home apartment house. She thought  
he might be revived if heroic measures  
were taken.

## Summoned a Physician.

Calling a negro elevator operator, Mrs.  
Kirk asked him to assist her in taking  
the body from the tub. Mrs. Kirk tele-  
phoned to a nearby drugstore, and asked  
that a physician be sent to the apartment.  
Dr. John Wood responded.

When the physician arrived he found  
Mrs. Kirk and the negro trying to lift  
the body from the water. Dr. Wood ex-  
amined the body and pronounced life  
extinct.

As Kirk had been alone in the apart-  
ment and his death was attended by  
several unusual circumstances, the po-  
lice, under the direction of Coroner  
Nevitt, made an investigation to learn  
whether the aged man had met with foul  
play.

After the completion of the inquiry,  
Coroner Nevitt issued a certificate of  
death by suicide, showing the cause of  
death to be drowning.

## Came from West.

Mrs. Kirk is employed in the Post-  
office Department. She was married to  
Kirk about five years ago. The couple  
had no children. Kirk had been married  
before, but was a widower when he came  
to Washington twelve years ago from  
the West, where he was an instructor in  
a university.

Kirk had been chief clerk of the per-  
sonal tax office for years and was well  
known to employees of the District gov-  
ernment. He had been unable to per-  
form his duties for more than three  
months because of a disease from which  
he suffered much pain.

Mrs. Kirk said her husband had feared  
he would never recover from the trouble,  
and it was this fear which is believed  
to have caused him to grow despondent  
and end his life.

## WAR STIRS ANEW.

Estrada Plans to Oppose Refusal  
of Peace Terms.

Bluefields, March 17, by wireless to  
Colon.—Pending a satisfactory reply from  
President Madrid in respect to the peace  
proposals submitted by Gen. Estrada, 2,500  
revolutionists are said to be reorganizing  
at Rama. In the event of a failure to  
reach a peace agreement fighting will be  
resumed. Gen. Estrada is personally  
leading the insurgent columns.

The American gunboat Prairie left this  
morning. She was replaced by the  
Paducah.

## KING ON LOVE MISSION.

Ruler of Serbia Said to Be Seeking  
Wife for Son.

Vienna, March 17.—It is reported here  
that the coming visit of King Peter of  
Serbia to Constantinople is for the purpose  
of arranging a marriage between his  
younger son, Crown Prince Alexander,  
and Princess Chadie, fourth daughter of  
the deposed Sultan Abdul Hamid.

If such a marriage should be arranged,  
it would be the first occasion in centuries  
of a Mohammedan princess marrying a  
non-Mohammedan.

## Last Day of the Lenten Sale.

To-day at 11 and 3 o'clock will witness  
the closing sessions of the Lenten Sale at  
the Sloan Art Galleries, 1407 G St. Rare  
jewelry, mahogany furniture, Max Weyl  
paintings, books, prints, Persian rugs,  
&c., &c., are among the pieces to be dis-  
posed of at these sessions. Rooms com-  
fortable and seats provided.

Chicago, March 17.—Perhaps it was the  
spirit of St. Patrick's Day, or because  
he felt the opportunities were too good  
to be passed over lightly, but at any rate  
President Taft chose to-day to do some  
of the frankest talking about men and  
things that he has done in many a long  
day. He talked about the newspapers,  
how they have criticized him, and how  
he intends to take it. He warmed up  
when he appeared before some railroad  
men, and said what he felt about the  
way some Congressmen and others have  
imputed wrong motives to railroad leg-  
islation he desires. Then, when it wasn't  
expected at all, he paid a high compli-  
ment to Gifford Pinchot, the deposed  
Chief Forester.

At night, after all the strenuous day  
was over, the President just gave the  
1,250 diners at the Irish Fellowship Club's  
banquet a friendly, intimate little talk  
about Erin's patron saint.

## Smiles Much of Time.

The Taft smile was mingled with all  
the speechmaking, and although at times  
it grew rather dim, it always came back.  
The crowd was with the President from  
the time he hit the city early in the  
morning until late to-night, when he left  
for Rochester. It was a good-natured  
holiday crowd that jostled the police and  
yelled for Taft, and the President en-  
joyed it immensely.

In all, the President made eight  
speeches, which is considered a pretty  
good "day's work" for a President, even  
in this city. He spoke to the Red Cross,  
the Newspaper Club, the Traffic Club, at  
a luncheon given to Chicago publishers,  
to the local conservation association, to  
a gathering of engineers, to the Ham-  
ilton Club, and to the Irish society. In  
addition he shook hands with at least  
2,000 people at the Hamilton Club, with a  
few hundred more at other places, and  
traveled a score or more of miles through  
the city streets.

The President reached Chicago at 8  
o'clock. After a hurried breakfast in his  
private car, he was driven in an automo-  
bile over a three-mile route lined with  
people to the La Salle Hotel.

Gov. Deussen, Senator Lorimer, Repre-  
sentatives Boutwell and Moxley, and scores  
of lesser political lights were in the es-  
cort. On Michigan avenue an old woman  
wearing a ragged brown skirt and a  
white scarf on her flying hair, tried to  
rush out to the Presidential machine. She  
was stopped by the police, broke away,  
and made a second but equally unsuccess-  
ful attempt to get to the President.

## "Newspapers Necessary Evils."

The first real speech of the day was at  
the Newspaper Club.

In part, the President said:  
Now, I don't know whether you number among  
your newspaper members, and only newspaper men,  
but men who combine the profession of the press  
with statesmanship, whether you have among you  
the men who are reformers down to the ground and  
at the same time are engaged in handing out their  
views and news suited to their views as statesmen-  
correspondents. If you haven't, you lack a dis-  
tinguished type of newspaper man, a distinguished  
type which, I am bound to say, has not contributed  
to the accuracy of the news furnished the public.

I speak with some knowledge, because I have  
tasked myself to be a man who furnishes the facts as  
they are without respect to whom they may hurt or  
help, but the man who is preaching an evangel or  
who is helping a cause, and especially the one who  
takes himself seriously, is about the worst witness  
of events with respect to those which his views  
touch. I speak with some knowledge, because I have  
had to examine that character of statesman close  
at hand, but I think he centers about Washington.

It was before the Traffic Club that Mr.  
Taft had another opportunity to talk  
from the heart about the way some peo-  
ple regard his efforts to have Congress  
amend the Hepburn law.

After luncheon with the publishers, the  
President rested for half an hour, and  
then was driven to the Auditorium to

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One-Way Colonist Rates  
Baltimore & Ohio R. R.  
Every Saturday and Sunday. All trains  
both ways, both days except Royal Lim-  
ited. City offices, 1417 G St., and 619  
Penna. Ave.

MOB TAKES JAIL  
AND HOLDS TRIALTwo Negroes Questioned with  
Ropes Around Necks.

Marion, Ark., March 17.—A mob of 200  
men is gathered at the jail for the pur-  
pose of lynching several negroes, two of  
whom they have in custody with the ropes  
around their necks. The negroes are  
Charles Richardson, who was brought  
here to-night from Memphis, and John  
Austin, an ex-convict. Richardson is a  
trustee, and did the filing and sawing that  
loosened the bars in the cells, so that  
twelve prisoners could escape Monday  
night. He admitted his guilt, and said  
that Austin gave him the saws and was  
his accomplice in the job.

It is believed that other negroes were  
implicated in the crime, and the lynching  
is being delayed with a view of securing  
their names and all other information  
that will throw full light on the delivery.  
Of the twelve men who got out Monday  
night, one was the assassin of A. H.  
Ferguson, an aged and highly esteemed  
citizen of this place, who was foully  
murdered a few weeks ago in his store  
here for the purpose of robbery. The  
assassin was carried to Memphis to pre-  
vent a lynching, and it was not generally  
known that he had been brought back here.

Sheriff Lewis was sent home by the  
mob, and none of his deputies is in  
town.

## DUEL IS NOT FOUGHT.

Packer Who Used Knife on Banker  
Coming to Washington.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Ashville, N. C., March 17.—John F.  
Cudahy, the Kansas City packer, who  
obtained notoriety by his attack on Jere  
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afternoon for Washington, accompanied  
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Chicago, the former of whom is his  
brother.

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Park Hotel in this city, since Tuesday.  
An effort was made to keep their iden-  
tity a secret, but they were later dis-  
covered. Neither of the Cudahys would  
make a statement.

They purchased a ticket for Wash-  
ington, where, it is understood, they will  
stay for two or three days.

## GETS LETTER 48 YEARS OLD.

Dunkirk, N. Y., March 17.—Levy C.  
Parsons, of Dunkirk, who is eighty years  
old, received to-day for the first time, a  
letter written to him by his wife while  
he was at the front fighting in the civil  
war.

The letter sent from the family home  
in Arkwright in November, 1862, tells of  
the children of the writer and her soldier  
husband playing about all unconscious of  
the danger of their country being dis-  
rupted and their father falling on the  
Southern field of war, and also de-  
scribes the excitement attending an ap-  
proaching election. The writer of the  
letter has been dead about fifteen years.

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CHALLENGES FOUR  
TO FIGHT TO DEATHHerr von Oldenburg Throws  
Reichstag Into Furore.

Berlin, March 17.—For the first time in  
the history of the Reichstag challenges  
to fight have been issued from the tribune  
of the House. The challenger was Herr  
von Oldenburg, a prominent Conservative  
and former cavalry officer, who made  
himself notorious last January by advo-  
cating in the Reichstag the Kaiser's right  
to send a Lieutenant and ten men to close  
the House.

To-day's outbreak was the outcome of a  
squabble, in which Oldenburg denounced  
certain members who had attacked him  
as being devoid of anything approaching  
honor. This set the house in an uproar,  
and after much excitement Oldenburg  
was called to order, but later, enraged  
by criticisms from Radicals and Social-  
ists, he went to the tribune in a white  
heat and challenged four deputies, whom  
he named, to fight him anywhere, at any  
time. This provoked an outburst of  
derisive laughter from the members of  
the Left, which didn't improve Olden-  
burg's temper. Herr Bebel, the Socialist  
leader, added to his annoyance by stat-  
ing, with mock gravity, that the chal-  
lenges would not be accepted.

The Reichstag then adjourned until  
April 12, amid much excitement.

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